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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Steady to 50¢ lower price trends were rather general on all classes of cattle at mid-west terminals. Fairly liberal marketings along with lower dressed beef prices continued paramount in the factors contributing to the downturn. Hog receipts were moderately decreased and this prompted a steady to 50¢ higher trend at most points on barrows and gilts, while a seasonally increased proportion of sows sold steady to 50¢ lower. Spring slaughter lambs sold steady to \$1.00 higher for the week. Trends were very uneven on old crop lambs with sales steady to 50¢ higher at several points and instances \$1.00 up. However, sales were 50¢-\$1.50 lower at Fort Worth and weak to 75¢ lower at Omaha, St. Paul and St. Louis.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers sold on a steady to lower basis for the fifth consecutive week and moved to a new low since June, 1957 at most midwest terminals. Slaughter steers were steady to 50¢ lower and heifers sold steady to 25¢ lower, instances 50¢ off. Cows were steady to 50¢ lower with the Utility and Commercial grades at the greatest downturn. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ lower at most markets. Vealers were steady to strong at St. Louis and St. Paul. Fairly liberal receipts and further declines on carcass steer and heifer beef at major wholesale centers proved to be the major bearish factors in trading. Five consecutive weeks of lower price trends pushed Choice steer beef to the lowest point since June, 1957 at some centers. Receipts at the 12 terminals at 212,000 were little changed from the previous week when the total was the largest since January. Slaughter steers and heifers made up bulk of the supply at most points with Good and Choice predominating. Good steers and heifers continued to make up a larger percentage of the total while Choice declined. Prime steers and heifers were virtually absent at most terminals with the percentage Prime in the steer supply at Chicago down to the lowest point since October, 1960.

Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1450# slaughter steers brought \$25.25-27.50 in Chicago with 10 loads Prime 1200-1380# at \$27.50. At most midwest terminals high-Good and Choice 950-1350# steers sold at \$22.00-25.00 with several loads high-Choice and Prime 1265-1370# at \$25.00 in Sioux City. Good steers brought \$21.00-23.00. Choice heifers sold at \$22.75-24.00 with a few mixed Choice and Prime to \$24.50; Good heifers at \$21.00-23.00. Utility and Commercial cows cashed at \$15.75-17.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.75-16.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle were

moderate. Steer shipments from the 10 markets totaled 21,700 compared to 26,425 the previous week and 25,244 a year earlier. Medium to average-Choice yearling steers made up a large percent of supplies. Supplies of stock calves were seasonally small at most all markets. Trading generally was rather slow with prices unevenly steady to 50¢ lower. At Kansas City, 800-1050# feeder steers in some instances were as much as \$1.00 lower. This marked the fourth consecutive week in which prices have declined. The downward trend which slaughter cattle prices have consistently followed in recent months continued unchecked during the week under review and was a major factor influencing stocker and feeder buyers to proceed very cautiously. In addition, with the grass season now fairly well under way, many pastures apparently have already been stocked and much of the urgency for stockers is gone. Although demand from feedlot operators has been rather poor, lessened competition from packer buyers was such that increased numbers of partly fattened, two-way steers were offered at prices feeder buyers were willing to pay.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from \$21.00-24.00, moderate number partly fattened kind included at \$21.50-23.50. A shipment of Choice and Fancy 850# brought \$25.25. Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from \$23.00-27.00, few Choice 490-550# \$27.50-29.00. Medium and low-Good ranged \$19.00-23.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from \$21.00-25.00, most sales \$24.50 down. One load Choice 498# short yearling heifers reached \$26.00. Good and Choice steer calves sold from \$25.00-31.25, part load Choice 350# \$31.50. Not many calves exceeded \$30.00. Good and Choice heifer calves brought \$23.00-27.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts at the twelve terminals numbered 329,000 or a drop of around 7 percent from the previous week and were 5 percent less than the corresponding week a year ago. A large part of the cutback in supplies was attributed to the fact that farmers in much of the area took advantage of the favorable weather and concentrated on field work. Barrows and gilts weighing 250-300# continued to move to market in a generous volume although mixed No. 1-3, 190-270# offerings comprised the bulk of the supply. The percentage of sows again increased seasonally, that class making up 15 percent of the run at St. Paul. About a normal share of the supply went on order buyer account with the best demand from those interests for 190-240# barrows and gilts grading U. S. No. 1-2. With the reduction in receipts, prices on barrows and gilts closed the period

steady to 50¢ higher at most midwest terminals. The main exceptions were at St. Paul where prices declined 25-50¢ and Sioux City where butchers over 250# closed steady to 25¢ lower. Sows closed generally steady to 50¢ lower, except steady to 25¢ higher at Chicago.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts sold largely at \$16.75-17.50, same weights and grades at Chicago \$17.75-18.00 and at Indianapolis \$17.75-18.25. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and No. 2-3, 180-240# bulked at \$16.25-17.25. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$13.75-15.75, most sales \$14.25-15.50.

Feeder pig prices held steady at St. Paul and were steady to weak at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# offerings at St. Paul sold at \$16.00-16.50, Good and Choice 130-170# at Sioux City, \$16.00-16.75.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 359,000 head, a slight increase over both the preceding week, and the like period a year earlier. Sows were estimated about 8 percent of receipts.

Supplies were fairly well distributed during the forepart of the week and receipts were about in line with demand. Fairly liberal selling on Thursday swelled supplies a little in excess of trade needs, however, and prices weakened toward the close. Compared with the previous Friday, sales of butchers were steady to 25¢ lower and sows 10-25¢ lower.

Mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200-230# barrows and gilts closed from \$16.00-16.60 with a limited volume No. 1 and 2 selected lots \$16.60-16.80. No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$14.10-15.65; 400-550#, \$13.15-14.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 99,000 head, around 13 percent less than the previous week, but about the same as a year ago. Dressed lamb continued to sell at lower levels, however, reduced supplies on the live market in some areas proved a mild stimulant to prices. Closing price trends were quite uneven compared with the previous Friday with much of the trade steady to 50¢ higher and a few markets as much as \$1.00 up, the advance general on spring lambs. However, old crop lambs were steady to 75¢ lower at some markets and were 50¢-\$1.50 off at Fort Worth. Slaughter ewes sold mostly steady.

During the week, Choice and a few Prime 85-119# woolled old crop slaughter lambs sold from \$14.50-15.50 and a few consignments \$16.00-16.50; bulk Good and Choice \$14.00-15.00. Choice and Prime 90-115# shorn lambs with No. 1, 2 and fall shorn pelts sold at \$14.00-14.75, few around 100# \$15.00-15.50; Good and Choice 88-119# with No. 1, 2 and fall shorn pelts \$13.00-14.50, few 105-119# \$12.00. At Fort Worth Good and Choice with 1, 2 and 3 pelts sold at \$11.00-12.00, some 115-120# \$9.00-10.50. Choice and Prime 80-103# spring slaughter lambs brought \$17.00-18.00 and a few loads of high-

yielding lambs around 95-100# reached \$18.50, some Good to mostly Choice 85-110# sold at \$16.50-17.00. At Fort Worth Good and Choice 69-89# spring lambs went at \$16.00-17.50. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes ranged from \$2.00-6.00. A rather small volume of shearing and feeder lambs sold steady to firm, although a few sales at Omaha were weak to \$1.00 lower.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 27,400 head, approximately 8 percent less than the previous week, but around 29 percent larger than year ago. Closing prices were about steady with the previous Friday on all classes.

On Friday, Choice and a few Prime 90-100# shorn lambs with No. 1, 2 and fall shorn pelts brought \$13.50-14.00 delivered to packing plants with few high-yielding lots to \$14.50, mostly Choice 100-115# and Good to Choice 90-110# lambs ranged \$12.00-13.50 and mainly \$12.50 up. Choice with a few Prime 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs sold at \$14.50-15.00 with few high-yielding lambs to \$15.50, Choice 105-115# \$12.50-14.50, Good and Choice 90-110# \$13.00-14.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold from \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was moderately active; steers steady to 25¢ lower, heifers steady to weak. Transactions on stocker and feeder cattle were limited, prices weak to 50¢ lower; spring lambs uneven, mostly 25-50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: In California, 17 loads Choice 950-1125# \$24.50; over California and Arizona, 156 loads high-Good to mostly Choice, 900-1150# \$23.50-24.25; 118 loads Good and Choice 850-1125# along with mostly Choice 1075-1250# \$22.00-23.25; 65 loads Standard and Good 900-1250# \$20.00-22.25. In Utah, 12 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1150-1250# \$21.50-22.00; 4 loads Good and Choice 1150-1230# \$21.00-21.50.

Slaughter heifers: In California and Arizona, 51 loads high-Good to mostly Choice, 700-950# \$22.90-24.00; 2 loads Choice 1050-1100# \$22.25-22.50. In Utah, 7 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 875-950# \$21.00-22.00.

Stockers and feeders: Around 150 Good and Choice 450-500# steers \$25.00; Good and Choice 525-675# steers \$23.00-24.00, 675-775# \$22.00-22.50; 600 Medium and Good 600-625# \$21.50; 100 Choice 450# heifer calves \$26.00; 1,050 Good and Choice 500-575# heifers \$21.00-22.50, 165 Good 600# \$20.00.

Lambs: In California and Arizona, Choice and Prime 95-108# spring slaughter lambs

\$16.00-17.00; about 10,000 mixed Choice and Prime slaughter and mostly Choice spring feeders \$15.65; 2,000 Choice and Prime slaughter and mostly Choice feeders \$16.50-17.00. In the Imperial Valley, 1,650 Choice 123# shorn old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts \$13.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots rather active. Slaughter steers sold steady to weak, mostly steady. Slaughter heifers uneven, selling in a three-way price trend; Choice 800-900# strong to 50¢ higher, while 900-1000# sold mostly steady with most heifers weighing 1025-1100# selling steady to 25¢ lower. The broad demand for Choice heifers weighing under 900# going unfilled.

In Colorado, 142 loads low and average-Choice 1125-1300# slaughter steers \$23.25-24.00; 19 loads high-Good and Choice 1150-1200# \$22.00-23.25. Six loads mostly average-Choice 820-875# slaughter heifers \$23.75-24.00; 24 loads average and high-Choice 975-1065#, some loads carrying an end of Prime, \$23.75; 158 loads low and average-Choice 850-1100# \$22.85-23.50, mostly \$23.00-23.50; 6 loads high-Good and Choice 900-975# \$22.00-22.60. Wyoming: 2 loads average and high-Choice 1200-1235# slaughter steers \$24.00-24.25, with 6 loads 985-1100# average to high-Choice heifers \$22.60-23.50. Western Nebraska: 4 loads low and average-Choice 1125# slaughter steers \$23.40, 6 loads 950-975# low to average-Choice heifers \$23.00-23.15.

Movement on stockers and feeders in this trade area confined mainly to those previously contracted and the rather limited supply that is moving through the various auctions in the area. The few direct sales confirmed made at steady prices. Colorado: Load mostly Choice calves, 375# steers \$30.00, 300# heifers \$28.50; load mostly Choice 330# heifer calves \$27.00. Four loads Good and Choice 550-600# feeder heifers \$22.50.

Old-crop slaughter lambs are in a clean-up stage with sales confirmed on around 12,000 head which sold 75¢-\$1.50 higher. Choice and Prime 95-115# shorn lambs \$13.50-15.00, mostly \$14.25-14.75 late in the week.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steers mostly 50¢ lower, heifers steady. Stocker and feeder trading very slow. Around 65 Choice 1090# slaughter steers \$25.25 delivered, 396 mainly low-Choice, 1040-1185# \$23.50-24.00, 62 Good and Choice 1030# \$22.75, 994 mostly Good, 900-1200# \$21.50-23.00; 155 mostly Choice, 800-870# slaughter heifers \$23.00-23.50, 426 Good 620-730# \$22.25-22.75. Demand fairly Good for spring lambs, but poor on shorn lambs. Spring slaughter lambs 50¢ higher, feeders and shorn

lambs steady; 4,300 Choice 100-105# with No. 1 and 2 pelt shorn old crop lambs \$11.00-11.50, some 16,000 Choice to mostly Fancy 70-80# spring feeder lambs \$13.00-14.00 with Choice and Prime slaughter end at \$16.00-17.00; 2,000 Choice 75-80# spring feeders \$12.00-13.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle steady to weak, stockers and feeders steady; 140 mainly Good 1000-1031# slaughter steers \$22.00-22.50; 270 Good and Choice 900-1000# slaughter heifers \$22.75-23.00. Medium and Good 650-775# feeder steers \$21.50-22.50, Good and Choice 490-575# stock steers \$24.00-26.00, 210 high-Choice and Fancy 800-850# feeders for June delivery \$24.00 steers, \$23.00 heifers, Choice 750# steers \$23.50; Good and Choice 525-550# heifers \$23.00-24.00, Medium 575-600# \$21.50 delivered feedlot; 210 Medium and Good cow and calf pairs \$200.00-225.00 per pair.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower; stockers and feeders weak; spring slaughter lambs fully steady.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 1050-1200# \$23.00-24.00 with 1200-1300# \$22.00-23.00. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 1025-1200# \$22.00-23.00, string Choice 950-1000# for June delivery \$22.75. Oregon - Mostly Choice 1000-1225# \$23.00-24.00. Northwest Montana - Mostly Choice 1025# \$23.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$23.00-23.25, mixed Good and Choice 850-950# \$22.00-22.50. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$21.00-22.25.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Choice 600# stock steers \$25.50; Good and Choice 800-850# \$21.75-22.00. Idaho - String Good and Choice 577# steers \$24.25 with 10 percent cut at \$23.00 and 600# heifers \$22.00.

Spring slaughter lambs: Idaho lamb pools - Choice and Prime 88-96# \$16.60-16.85 with 113-114# \$13.50-14.60 and 120# \$13.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading very slow. Slaughter steers and heifers fully 50¢ lower, limited sales on stocker and feeder \$1.00 lower.

Around 200 Choice 1100-1200# slaughter steers \$22.00-22.50; 50 mostly Choice 850-900# heifers \$21.50-22.00.

Stockers and feeders: Montana, 300 Good and Choice 2-year-old steers estimated 850-900# for late August delivery \$21.00 with a 10 percent sort at \$19.00; 100 mostly Good to Choice stock cows with calves at side \$192.50-200.00 per pair. 200 mostly Choice calves to weigh about 400# at fall delivery, steers \$25.00, heifers \$22.00-23.00.

Sheep: Fully \$2.00 lower. Montana, 700 Choice 104# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 2 pelts, \$12.00; 1,100 2-year-old shorn bred ewes \$18.00 per head; 400 Good and Choice yearling breeding ewes \$13.25 per head. Northern Wyoming, 200 Choice 109# shorn slaughter lambs mostly No. 2 pelts, \$14.00 delivered.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	37,727	40,703	176	218	38,004	37,593	2,910	3,624
Cincinnati	2,822	3,616	650	715	9,619	11,102	275	604
Denver	8,884	11,413	120	284	5,473	5,826	13,005	14,495
Fort Worth	8,807	6,707	699	1,862	2,748	3,207	38,477	34,759
Indianapolis ...	6,495	7,111	305	505	26,263	31,006	938	1,192
Kansas City	19,530	19,987	257	692	21,333	20,743	6,459	9,392
Oklahoma City ..	8,782	9,021	522	750	3,987	4,109	2,783	5,018
Omaha	42,210	41,895	317	324	48,074	42,532	11,665	10,021
St. Joseph	17,186	17,587	510	568	32,381	31,933	6,509	5,027
St. Louis NSY ..	15,320	14,615	1,325	1,720	55,714	75,216	3,979	1,605
Sioux City	25,988	27,929	252	494	45,511	40,103	5,379	6,065
S. St. Paul	18,688	19,223	4,862	5,517	40,011	42,943	6,218	5,869
Total	212,439	219,807	9,995	13,649	329,118	346,313	98,597	97,671
" Apr. 29, 1961	221,741		13,168		354,287		111,689	
INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA								
	Hogs		May 6, 1961		Apr. 29, 1961		May 7, 1960	
	Sheep ...		359,000		332,000		335,000	
			27,400		29,800		21,300	

RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS
MONTH OF APRIL

Market	Cattle				Calves			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	132,902	143,247	139,438	152,709	733	984	733	984
Cincinnati	12,403	13,907	15,731	17,046	2,795	2,991	2,840	2,999
Denver	39,990	40,281	68,463	86,536	1,766	1,490	5,039	4,938
Fort Worth	29,648	26,666	44,363	39,453	3,391	5,669	5,284	7,905
Indianapolis ..	28,242	26,655	28,242	26,678	2,033	2,477	2,033	2,545
Kansas City ...	88,333	84,004	143,944	108,393	2,387	5,221	7,226	10,743
Oklahoma City .	31,294	28,440	34,072	32,068	2,327	4,033	2,444	4,140
Omaha	146,336	135,498	153,947	142,039	1,452	2,069	1,572	2,400
St. Joseph	61,002	65,128	63,850	66,799	1,575	2,577	1,652	2,737
St. Louis NSY..	57,854	59,467	60,327	62,307	5,639	6,842	5,639	7,225
Sioux City	102,348	104,111	106,414	107,043	2,662	1,550	2,837	2,214
S. St. Paul ...	81,906	83,113	87,910	90,067	20,914	24,680	21,728	26,005
Total	812,258	810,517	946,701	931,138	47,674	60,583	59,027	74,835
Hogs								
Chicago	135,461	143,168	137,027	149,307	16,626	19,306	19,703	25,976
Cincinnati	45,545	50,716	55,752	61,008	2,195	2,206	2,877	2,443
Denver	20,491	22,877	42,884	55,493	66,380	88,294	129,758	138,182
Fort Worth	9,144	13,963	25,071	37,930	113,327	93,604	162,576	130,310
Indianapolis ..	128,631	144,408	129,919	144,561	3,751	3,888	3,751	3,888
Kansas City ...	65,298	69,112	75,932	81,827	36,843	25,071	129,624	88,450
Oklahoma City .	15,968	17,941	37,385	36,015	9,478	10,349	9,478	10,349
Omaha	166,951	174,927	226,739	263,346	55,215	51,211	65,629	67,540
St. Joseph	90,627	112,092	116,987	153,354	32,440	19,234	53,646	38,520
St. Louis NSY..	213,889	265,401	216,625	270,064	11,143	9,454	19,526	23,596
Sioux City	141,155	165,282	159,033	181,377	24,482	21,979	29,914	27,752
S. St. Paul ...	178,269	187,126	222,826	226,761	31,080	27,614	68,460	40,842
Total	1,211,429	1,367,013	1,446,180	1,661,043	402,960	372,210	694,942	597,848

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Hogs	Sheep
April 1961	1,365,000	116,100
April 1960	1,420,000	105,100

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	May 4 1961	May 5 1960	May 4 1961	May 5 1960	May 4 1961	May 5 1960	May 4 1961	May 5 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,169	1,428	10.9	4.8	1,243	1,276	26.13	30.86
Choice.....	17,776	18,612	61.0	62.7	1,206	1,192	24.08	27.60
Good.....	6,081	8,572	20.9	28.9	1,092	1,077	22.48	25.61
Standard.....	1,464	707	5.0	2.4	1,038	1,039	20.97	21.66
Commercial.....	--	12	--	.0	--	1,500	--	20.00
Utility.....	651	371	2.2	1.2	1,063	1,054	19.47	19.34
All grades.....	29,141	29,702			1,175	1,158	23.78	27.01
OMAHA								
Prime.....	25	63	.1	.3	1,165	1,260	24.50	29.41
Choice.....	8,741	8,684	41.6	42.0	1,192	1,177	23.33	26.60
Good.....	10,531	10,700	50.2	51.7	1,106	1,095	22.26	24.79
Standard.....	1,594	979	7.6	4.7	1,117	1,091	19.44	20.65
Utility.....	99	274	.5	1.3	951	997	18.02	18.73
All grades.....	20,990	20,700			1,142	1,128	22.50	25.34
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	83	21	.6	.1	1,468	1,348	25.00	29.93
Choice.....	6,468	5,453	48.3	43.2	1,193	1,193	23.49	26.78
Good.....	5,323	6,305	39.8	50.0	1,126	1,101	22.45	25.24
Standard.....	1,506	688	11.3	5.5	1,074	1,090	19.68	20.56
Utility.....	--	155	--	1.2	--	957	--	18.54
All grades.....	13,380	12,622			1,155	1,139	22.70	25.63
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	34	--	.4	--	1,191	--	24.50	--
Choice.....	3,927	3,315	46.2	47.1	1,156	1,114	23.81	26.94
Good.....	3,660	2,979	43.0	42.3	1,058	1,099	22.60	25.42
Standard.....	828	586	9.7	8.3	1,110	1,042	19.85	22.05
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	56	161	.7	2.3	980	1,058	17.87	18.88
All grades.....	8,505	7,041			1,108	1,100	22.89	25.74
ST. LOUIS NW								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,033	262	13.5	4.4	1,086	1,144	23.82	27.29
Good.....	4,794	4,112	62.8	69.0	1,019	1,021	22.53	25.07
Standard.....	1,562	1,109	20.4	18.6	948	1,006	20.44	22.55
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	254	473	3.3	8.0	892	960	18.52	19.81
All grades.....	7,643	5,956			1,010	1,019	22.20	24.32
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,592	4,066	30.0	44.1	1,152	1,132	23.39	26.74
Good.....	5,308	4,494	61.4	48.8	1,103	1,064	22.32	24.84
Standard.....	748	556	8.6	6.0	1,082	1,042	19.24	20.55
Utility.....	--	103	--	1.1	--	986	--	18.53
All grades.....	8,648	9,219			1,116	1,091	22.39	25.40
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,779	2,675	77.0	62.6	1,160	1,174	23.31	26.66
Good.....	647	1,403	17.9	32.9	1,102	1,136	22.31	24.96
Standard.....	167	142	4.6	3.3	1,117	1,081	18.73	20.18
Utility.....	18	51	.5	1.2	902	883	17.73	17.50
All grades.....	3,611	4,271			1,146	1,155	22.91	25.82

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	11,693	7,812	11.6	7.5	1,261	1,245	27.14	30.83
Choice.....	58,644	59,060	58.3	56.6	1,200	1,186	25.05	27.76
Good.....	24,820	31,649	24.7	30.3	1,116	1,085	23.46	25.69
Standard.....	4,122	4,431	4.1	4.2	1,022	1,001	21.05	22.48
Commercial.....	15	18	.0	.1	1,746	1,493	19.61	21.43
Utility.....	1,346	1,378	1.3	1.3	1,044	1,041	19.29	20.03
All grades.....	100,640	104,348			1,177	1,150	24.73	27.13
OMAHA								
Prime.....	235	250	.3	.4	1,178	1,224	25.92	29.14
Choice.....	30,828	19,941	42.9	32.9	1,182	1,181	24.09	27.20
Good.....	35,087	35,208	48.9	58.0	1,107	1,091	22.84	25.33
Standard.....	4,777	3,223	6.7	5.3	1,110	1,063	19.53	21.69
Utility.....	844	2,052	1.2	3.4	990	1,022	18.47	19.79
All grades.....	71,771	60,674			1,139	1,118	23.14	25.64
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	162	342	.3	.8	1,292	1,303	26.43	29.88
Choice.....	21,586	15,708	47.3	37.1	1,182	1,176	24.30	27.22
Good.....	19,396	23,359	42.5	55.1	1,136	1,102	23.30	25.56
Standard.....	4,511	2,441	9.9	5.8	1,104	1,063	19.86	21.70
Utility.....	--	514	--	1.2	--	1,026	--	19.25
All grades.....	45,655	42,364			1,155	1,128	23.47	25.97
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	20	16	.1	.1	1,140	1,120	26.00	28.34
Choice.....	12,292	9,211	43.6	41.4	1,157	1,131	24.38	27.17
Good.....	13,110	9,384	46.5	42.2	1,077	1,075	23.29	25.61
Standard.....	2,641	3,255	9.4	14.6	1,055	1,045	20.16	22.44
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	115	376	.4	1.7	1,040	1,027	17.62	19.29
All grades.....	28,178	22,242			1,110	1,093	23.49	25.74
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,815	863	10.7	3.7	1,074	1,162	24.65	27.72
Good.....	17,311	15,290	65.7	66.4	1,031	1,032	23.15	25.67
Standard.....	5,565	4,639	21.1	20.2	970	969	20.70	22.86
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	654	2,225	2.5	9.7	896	945	18.40	20.24
All grades.....	26,345	23,017			1,019	1,016	22.72	24.73
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	21	--	.1	--	1,100	--	32.72
Choice.....	10,975	12,131	36.2	41.5	1,143	1,143	24.30	27.29
Good.....	16,686	14,759	55.0	50.5	1,099	1,070	23.03	25.32
Standard.....	2,653	2,006	8.8	6.9	1,091	1,064	19.93	21.28
Utility.....	---	281	--	1.0	--	984	--	19.02
All grades.....	30,314	29,198			1,114	1,099	23.24	25.86
DENVER								
Prime.....	78	--	.5	--	1,320	--	24.44	--
Choice.....	11,050	9,319	75.4	67.9	1,185	1,182	24.07	26.62
Good.....	2,845	3,779	19.4	27.6	1,120	1,090	22.93	25.06
Standard.....	608	508	4.2	3.7	1,086	1,040	19.07	20.45
Utility.....	79	115	.5	.8	952	886	18.07	18.21
All grades.....	14,660	13,721			1,168	1,149	23.64	25.95

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED ^{1/}

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total		Average weight		Average price in	
			by grades		(pounds)		dollars per 100 lb.	
					Month			
	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.	Apr.
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Prime	12,188	8,441	3.8	2.9	1,260	1,247	27.09	30.74
Choice	148,190	126,233	46.7	42.7	1,183	1,176	24.55	27.43
Good	129,255	133,428	40.7	45.1	1,099	1,081	23.14	25.51
Standard	24,877	20,503	7.8	6.9	1,055	1,025	20.18	22.16
Commercial ...	15	18	--	--	1,746	1,493	19.61	21.43
Utility	3,038	6,941	1.0	2.4	995	998	18.79	19.85
All grades ...	317,563	295,564			1,140	1,120	23.74	26.20

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED ^{1/}

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960
Prime	231	482	0.2	0.5	1,049	1,036	25.41	28.45
Choice	55,372	38,188	48.9	38.3	973	960	23.94	26.62
Good	49,252	50,569	43.5	50.8	913	892	22.44	24.62
Standard	7,592	8,894	6.7	8.9	895	853	19.94	21.47
Utility	854	1,467	.7	1.5	917	888	17.74	18.66
All grades	113,301	99,600			941	915	23.01	25.10

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT FIVE SPECIFIED MARKETS ^{1/}
STEERS

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960
Cincinnati	4,057	4,062	1,074	1,036	23.47	25.25
Indianapolis	15,284	11,595	1,051	1,062	23.19	25.13
Fort Worth	3,957	2,888	986	919	23.17	24.60
Oklahoma City	3,430	2,105	1,075	1,040	23.17	25.32
Sioux Falls	9,533	9,192	1,161	1,129	23.03	25.22

HEIFERS

Number of head						
Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960
Cincinnati	2,429	2,957	754	754	22.31	24.34
Indianapolis	2,822	2,131	843	847	22.55	24.69
Fort Worth	1,936	2,209	638	657	22.80	24.43
Oklahoma City	1,751	1,833	824	817	22.82	24.85
Sioux Falls	6,060	5,060	988	938	22.47	24.39

^{1/} Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	12,313	12,523	11,341	9,862	43,972	49,607	36,966	38,574
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,940	9,160	2,379	2,238	30,391	24,894	3,590	5,086
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls..	20,701	19,701	4,315	4,229	121,138	142,221	11,530	12,684
Chicago Area	18,671	18,737	3,984	5,238	40,946	35,106	6,516	6,267
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas	28,432	31,091	14,652	17,165	102,352	111,079	12,354	10,168
St. Louis Area	11,529	11,327	1,318	1,224	84,202	100,838	4,177	4,353
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,042	21,895	--	--	90,426	93,944	12,087	12,778
Omaha Area	42,575	36,339	134	167	84,718	82,990	18,424	13,851
Kansas City	17,649	13,868	--	--	38,167	42,012	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	33,500	30,438	8,200	7,980	286,000	268,546	37,000	28,583
Lou'1, Evan'1. Nash'1. Mph's ..	6,209	6,313	3,179	3,415	57,484	70,377	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,968	7,872	3,785	3,212	30,673	35,813	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City..	20,826	20,447	849	1,287	46,763	47,859	11,527	9,911
Ft. Worth,Dallas, San Antonio..	13,361	11,092	4,072	4,725	15,683	20,687	50,915	39,427
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	25,644	21,264	168	259	14,603	17,838	37,405	24,927
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	28,318	24,938	1,893	1,826	30,254	28,210	45,468	36,711
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,691	7,327	223	238	17,146	14,814	4,930	3,662
Total	334,369		60,492		1,134,918		292,889	
		304,332		63,065		1,186,835		246,982
Accumulation to date	5,394,006		1,153,598		20,118,316		4,795,767	
		5,254,903		1,231,902		22,057,893		4,298,290

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard Prod.
	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
May 6, 1961	400	240.4	92	11.2	1,315	187.6	320	15.4	454.6	--
Apr.29,1961	385	230.2	97	11.6	1,290	181.8	310	15.2	438.8	--
Apr.15,1961	367	--	96	--	1,298	--	322	--	--	42.5
May 7, 1960	365	218.7	91	10.9	1,352	187.7	280	13.6	430.9	43.7

Percentage change from:

Apr.29,1961	4	4	-5	-3	2	3	3	1	4	--
May 7,1960	10	10	1	3	-3	0	14	13	6	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
May 6, 1961 ...	1045	601	220	122	246	143	98	48	--
Apr.29,1961 ...	1040	598	215	120	243	141	100	49	--
Apr.15,1961 ...	1045	601	205	115	240	140	103	50	--
May 7, 1960 ...	1039	599	214	120	240	139	99	49	13.5

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May
	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	7	6	7
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	26.12	30.50	--	--	25.50	29.62	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	26.38	31.12	--	--	25.48	29.62	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	24.25	28.00	24.28	27.32	24.00	27.28	23.38	26.40	24.62	27.62
1100-1300	24.12	28.08	23.95	27.30	23.95	27.25	23.38	26.80	23.75	27.25
Good 900-1100	22.50	24.75	22.42	24.80	21.85	24.12	21.38	23.42	23.00	25.62
Standard - All wts.	20.88	21.62	19.90	21.75	19.42	20.62	19.25	20.00	20.75	23.12
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	23.75	26.82	23.68	26.88	23.72	26.85	22.98	25.88	23.75	26.62
Good 600-800	--	--	21.92	24.30	21.85	23.62	20.75	22.88	22.25	25.00
Standard - All wts.	19.80	21.25	19.25	20.85	19.35	20.12	18.62	19.25	19.75	22.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	17.10	17.88	17.22	19.00	17.22	18.00	--	18.50	17.50	18.50
Utility	16.70	16.92	16.50	16.80	16.45	16.62	16.40	17.00	16.50	17.50
Cutter	16.20	15.90	16.00	15.28	15.58	15.25	15.35	15.38	14.25	14.75
Canner	14.70	14.42	15.00	13.50	14.62	14.25	14.12	14.25	13.00	12.75
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.55	20.30	18.38	18.45	19.05	18.50	--	--	--	21.00
Utility	20.05	20.00	18.70	18.60	18.98	18.25	19.25	20.00	20.25	22.34
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.25	25.50	--	--	--	--	--	29.00
Good	--	--	21.25	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	26.50
Standard	--	--	18.75	20.75	--	--	--	--	--	24.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	29.70	31.50	27.50	27.00	27.50	26.00	--	--	31.50	32.00
Good	27.00	29.00	24.00	24.50	24.75	23.75	--	--	29.50	29.50
Standard	22.00	23.50	20.00	21.50	21.50	21.00	--	--	25.50	26.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.50	28.75	26.80	29.00	26.25	28.30	26.88	26.90	--	26.50
Good 500-800	24.25	25.75	24.35	25.65	24.12	25.02	24.50	24.55	--	24.00
Medium 500-1000	20.75	22.75	21.00	21.75	20.50	21.25	21.25	21.25	--	20.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	24.00	26.00	24.00	25.50	25.00	25.50	--	25.00
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	22.25	20.25	22.00	22.00	22.25	--	20.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	17.15	18.25	16.25	15.00	16.50	--	--	16.00
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.50	30.20	29.00	30.50	30.25	29.50	--	28.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.35	26.70	26.00	26.75	27.88	28.00	--	26.25

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
Classification		Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	26.98	30.50	--	--	26.43	29.91	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	27.22	31.09	--	--	26.33	29.85	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	25.26	28.08	25.01	27.73	24.87	27.88	24.03	26.48	24.25	27.65
	1100-1300	25.14	28.24	24.68	27.66	24.75	27.83	24.03	26.55	23.38	27.17
Good	900-1100	23.14	25.22	23.10	25.31	22.80	24.71	21.81	23.64	22.88	25.65
Standard - All wts.		21.01	22.33	20.26	21.92	19.97	21.50	19.32	20.26	20.50	23.12
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	24.54	27.08	24.34	27.00	24.49	27.23	23.28	25.88	23.58	--
Good	600-800	--	--	22.35	24.66	22.40	24.02	21.09	22.82	21.97	25.03
Standard - All wts.		20.04	21.41	19.54	21.24	19.62	20.52	18.74	19.16	19.38	22.44
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		17.47	17.79	17.51	18.52	17.38	17.96	--	18.84	17.25	18.00
Utility		16.95	17.16	16.85	16.68	16.63	16.62	16.71	17.38	15.94	16.81
Cutter		16.44	16.23	16.29	15.36	15.77	15.07	15.36	15.56	14.25	14.12
Canner		14.91	14.58	15.34	13.40	14.83	13.88	14.24	14.40	12.88	12.06
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		19.94	21.92	18.32	18.81	18.92	18.78	--	--	--	20.50
Utility		20.57	20.22	18.62	18.69	18.88	18.53	19.00	20.00	20.25	21.19
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	23.74	25.60	--	--	--	--	--	29.00
Good		--	--	21.80	23.04	--	--	--	--	--	26.50
Standard		--	--	18.96	20.78	--	--	--	--	--	24.00
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		30.38	31.78	28.68	27.42	27.50	26.55	--	--	31.50	31.75
Good		27.00	29.12	25.05	24.80	24.75	24.16	--	--	29.50	29.62
Standard		22.00	23.65	20.75	21.78	21.50	21.00	--	--	25.50	26.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	26.69	28.95	26.81	29.06	26.32	28.88	26.78	27.94	--	26.12
Good	500-800	24.44	26.00	24.31	25.69	24.34	25.38	24.39	25.18	24.25	23.88
Medium	500-1000	21.12	22.75	20.58	21.75	20.62	21.38	21.25	21.68	20.50	20.31
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	24.00	25.68	24.25	25.50	24.79	25.62	--	24.44
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	20.75	22.01	20.75	21.94	21.80	22.00	--	20.50
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	17.25	18.25	15.85	14.66	16.50	--	--	15.38
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	28.32	30.01	29.00	30.63	30.25	30.75	--	28.00
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	25.55	26.51	26.00	26.94	28.21	28.00	--	25.69

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

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HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended	St. Louis		Kansas City		Omaha		Sioux City		S. St. Joseph		S. St. Paul		Indianapolis		8-mkts. combined	
	Chicago	Natl. Stock Yards														
AVERAGE COST - Dollars per 100 pounds																
Barrows	May 6, 1961	16.72	16.51	16.17	16.34	16.18	16.18	16.36	17.05	16.42						
and	Apr. 29, 1961	16.70	16.48	16.18	16.42	16.25	16.23	16.34	16.91	16.44						
gilts	May 7, 1960	15.82	15.83	15.63	15.71	15.60	15.69	15.70	16.06	15.76						
	May 6, 1961	14.42	14.74	14.77	14.93	14.76	14.80	14.67	14.76	14.74						
Sows	Apr. 29, 1961	14.68	15.02	15.17	15.18	15.06	15.28	14.98	15.09	15.04						
	May 7, 1960	12.93	13.45	13.26	13.55	13.44	13.47	13.42	13.06	13.34						
AVERAGE WEIGHT - Pounds																
Barrows	May 6, 1961	238	230	242	244	247	242	242	233	240						
and	Apr. 29, 1961	239	230	239	242	247	241	239	232	238						
gilts	May 7, 1960	240	223	232	241	244	231	242	230	234						
	May 6, 1961	445	411	441	423	431	421	411	459	427						
Sows	Apr. 29, 1961	453	416	428	419	425	412	416	455	426						
	May 7, 1960	456	397	425	425	427	407	403	447	422						
NUMBER OF HEAD -																
Barrows	May 6, 1961	31179	48458	19536	40124	40104	29061	28568	21747	258777						
and	Apr. 29, 1961	32059	58863	18897	40137	38171	30695	32494	27598	278914						
gilts	May 7, 1960	30407	66469	18909	36274	34794	29241	31234	26286	273614						
	May 6, 1961	2840	4107	1090	5571	3904	2124	4786	2580	27002						
Sows	Apr. 29, 1961	3048	5196	1389	5861	4513	2058	4744	3055	29864						
	May 7, 1960	2868	4579	1066	3825	3225	1601	3906	2903	23973						
SOWS - Percentage of total																
	May 6, 1961	8	8	5	12	9	7	14	11	9						
	Apr. 29, 1961	9	8	7	13	10	6	13	10	10						
	May 7, 1960	9	6	5	10	8	5	11	10	8						

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
May 6, 1961	\$18.88	\$17.55	\$1.33
Apr. 29, 1961	18.82	17.25	1.57
May 7, 1960	18.43	16.34	2.09

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No. 3 yellow cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
May 6, 1961	16.72	112.3	14.9
Apr. 29, 1961	16.70	113.5	14.7
May 7, 1960	15.82	120.0	13.2

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

		St.	Louis	Kansas	Sioux	South	South	Indian	Eight
Month		Chicago	Natl.	City	Omaha	St.	St.	Indian	markets
		Stock	City	City	City	Joseph	Paul	apolis	combined
		Yards							
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds							
Barrows	Apr. 1961	17.18	17.10	16.93	17.04	16.90	16.78	16.95	17.36
and	Mar. 1961	17.54	17.54	17.57	17.54	17.43	17.53	17.49	17.66
gilts	Apr. 1960	16.11	16.02	15.93	15.91	15.79	15.93	15.74	16.31
	Apr. 1961	15.26	15.68	15.84	15.90	15.70	15.75	15.55	15.56
Sows	Mar. 1961	15.66	16.15	16.29	16.13	15.83	16.19	15.84	15.68
	Apr. 1960	13.66	14.02	14.18	14.18	14.09	14.30	14.01	13.73
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds							
Barrows	Apr. 1961	237	227	237	241	246	238	239	230
and	Mar. 1961	234	220	233	238	242	232	233	226
gilts	Apr. 1960	237	220	230	240	242	230	238	228
	Apr. 1961	451	413	427	420	428	419	416	458
Sows	Mar. 1961	450	401	426	430	439	417	424	449
	Apr. 1960	452	399	418	425	420	402	415	443
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows	Apr. 1961	108785	188729	58850	137959	121222	81675	135671	110212
and	Mar. 1961	109287	210841	66079	145328	135160	88400	164145	127652
gilts	Apr. 1960	113704	232880	61444	144362	143443	99551	143631	122115
	Apr. 1961	10025	15716	3644	20684	13572	5493	14603	10967
Sows	Mar. 1961	9902	17562	3761	16393	10750	5749	11146	10844
	Apr. 1960	12701	19630	4441	18088	14120	7719	15664	14269
SOWS -		Percentage of total							
	Apr. 1961	8	8	6	13	10	6	10	9
	Mar. 1961	8	8	5	10	7	6	6	8
	Apr. 1960	10	8	7	11	9	7	10	9

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Month	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Apr. 1961	\$19.31	\$17.60	\$1.71
Mar. 1961	19.76	17.91	1.85
Apr. 1960	18.46	16.48	1.98

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Month	Barrows and gilts ^{1/} Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, ^{1/} No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 1961	\$17.18	108.1	15.9
Mar. 1961	17.54	110.6	15.9
Apr. 1960	16.11	120.6	13.4

^{1/} Weighted average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef prices closed steady at New York, steady to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia, steady to mostly 50¢ lower at Washington and weak to \$2.00 lower at Baltimore. Cow beef was steady to weak; veal steady to mostly \$1.00-2.00 lower; however, Standard veal at New York sold \$1.00 higher; lamb steady to \$4.00 off, bulk \$1.00-3.00 lower; pork loins mainly steady to \$1.00 lower. Boston butts and spareribs largely steady to \$1.00 lower. Fresh skinned hams advanced \$1.00-2.00.

Supplies of railstocks and pork were mostly normal, cow beef excepted, as small to moderate volume was offered. Moderately active trading and good demand prevailed for steer beef at most markets, however, at Baltimore outlet was generally poor. The feature of the week's trade at New York was the improved demand for steer arm chucks at mid-period and thereafter when trading turned fairly active as most chain buyers were aggressive. Movement of cow beef was rather slow. Veal met good demand at Philadelphia and Standard veal cleared promptly at New York, but slow trading was generally the rule at most centers. Retailers showed preference for lamb 35-55# and these sold readily while difficulty was encountered in moving carcasses 55-70# and primal cuts derived therefrom. Demand was mainly fair for pork with loins moving best at Washington and good demand late at New York enabled sellers to clear stocks. Small supplies of lamb at Philadelphia, moderate volume of veal at Washington along with small to moderate supplies of veal and lamb at New York were unsold late.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower; Choice and Prime veal steady, Good and Standard \$1.00-2.00 higher; lamb about steady; pork loins 8-16# steady to 50¢ higher; Boston butts and spareribs steady.

Moderate veal supplies showed a decrease compared to the previous period, supplies other divisions normal. Average-Good to Choice grades most plentiful in beef and Choice comprised the bulk of old crop lamb. Old crop carcasses for the most part weighed over 50#. Fewer spring lambs were offered than in the previous week.

Carcass beef trading was slow with prices on steer dropping to a four-year low. Demand generally was poor for primal cuts except fair outlets prevailed for loins. On late sessions demand for chucks was fairly good. Rounds and ribs followed a lower trend. Decreased veal offerings cleared in a moderately active trade with upturns recorded on Good and Standard grades. Lamb trade generally was slow, early demand centering mostly on hindsaddles, after midweek all primal cuts found equal distribution in a moderately active trade. Fresh pork trade was slow throughout.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and heifer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef steady to 50¢ higher, the advance in Los Angeles; calf and veal steady to \$2.00 lower, the decline in San Francisco; spring lamb fully steady in Los Angeles but steady to \$1.00 lower elsewhere; fresh and smoked pork steady to \$2.00 lower in California but steady to \$2.00 higher in the Northwest, advance mainly on fresh pork.

Supply of fresh pork was below normal in the Northwest as slaughter was curtailed in the Portland area due to unsettled labor conditions. Trading active in the Northwest on pork but otherwise supplies of most meats were fairly large and trading was slow despite fairly good demand.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Steer, heifer and cow beef closed 50¢-\$1.00 lower, lamb mostly \$1.00 lower, pork loins 50¢-\$1.00 higher, fresh hams 12-14# \$1.50-2.00 higher, 14-16# 50¢-\$1.00 higher, butts 50¢ lower, hog carcasses steady to 35¢ lower.

The supply of beef was slightly above normal while other classes were normal. Demand fairly poor on beef and lamb but moderate on other classes.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses \$37.00-38.00, 700-800# \$36.25-37.50, Good 600-700# \$35.50-36.50, high-Good \$36.50-37.00, Good 700-800# \$35.25-36.50. Choice 500-700# heifer carcasses \$36.25-37.00, Good \$34.50-35.50. Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef \$30.50-31.50.

Lamb: Choice, including some Prime 45-55# \$30.25-32.50, few loads 35-45# \$33.00-34.50, 55-65# \$27.75-28.50, few carlots and part cars spring lamb carcasses 35-55# \$39.00-42.50.

Pork: Pork loins 8-12# \$39.00-40.00, fresh hams 12-14# \$38.00-38.50, 14-16# \$36.00-36.50, butts 4-8# \$30.50-32.00, pork carcasses U. S. 1-3 135-155# \$23.50-24.65, 155-175# \$23.10-24.10.

Clearance only fair on beef and lamb but generally complete other classes.

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers--Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Louis and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef sold steady to fully 50¢ lower with most sales at New York 50¢-\$1.00 off. Closing trends on heifer beef 25¢-\$1.00 lower; cow beef steady to \$1.00 off; old crop lamb steady to 50¢ lower at Denver and Chicago but \$1.00 lower at New York and \$1.00-2.00 off at Philadelphia. Spring lamb steady, except \$1.00 lower at New York. Pork loins sold 50¢ higher.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7	May 6	May 7
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	42.75	47.50	40.38	45.75	40.25	45.00	39.25	45.00
	700-800	41.25	46.50	39.62	44.50	38.75	43.50	37.56	43.50
Good	500-600	40.00	44.25	38.50	43.25	40.25	43.50	38.75	43.00
	600-700	40.25	44.50	38.50	43.25	38.75	42.50	38.00	41.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	39.62	45.00	39.25	44.50	39.00	44.75
	600-700	--	--	39.25	45.00	--	43.00	37.75	43.50
Good	500-600	--	--	37.75	41.50	--	--	38.00	42.50
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	61.00	58.00	59.00	56.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	50.80	49.50	52.00	50.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	46.10	45.50	48.25	47.00	50.00	54.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	39.70	50.50	35.25*	45.75*	37.50	45.25	38.25	46.00
Choice	45-55	39.70	49.50	35.25*	45.75*	37.50	45.25	38.25	46.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	45.10	43.65	41.15	40.12	46.00	46.00	43.00	42.12
Butts	4-8	36.00	34.20	33.75	29.38	41.25	39.00	39.25	36.00
Spareribs	3# down	42.50	41.00	37.25	38.75	47.50	47.00	42.00	43.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.00	48.50	44.75	50.00	45.75	50.50	43.50	49.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		48.00	44.50	53.00	53.50	54.75	51.00	53.00	50.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	35.00	30.50	34.50	33.50	35.38	32.00	34.00	32.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.75	13.25	15.88	13.00	18.00	16.50	17.44	14.56

*Old-crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MAY 5, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer Beef -						
Choice	600-700#	38.00-38.50	37.00-37.50	37.25-37.75	40.00-40.50	40.00-40.50
	700-800	37.50-38.00	36.00-37.00	36.25-36.75	39.00-40.00	39.00-39.50
	800-900	36.50-37.00	35.50-36.00	35.75-36.25	38.50-39.00	38.00-38.50
Good	500-600	36.00-37.00	33.00-36.00	--	37.50-39.00	--
	600-700	36.00-37.00	33.00-35.50	36.00-36.75	37.00-39.50	37.50-39.00
	700-800	35.50-36.50	--	35.25-36.00	37.50-39.00	37.00-38.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	37.50-37.75	37.00-38.50	36.25-36.50	--	--
	600-700	37.25-37.75	35.95-36.75	36.25-36.50	--	39.00-39.50
Good	500-600	35.50-36.00	34.50-36.00	34.50-35.00	--	--
	600-700	35.50-36.00	34.00-35.50	34.50-35.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		30.00-31.50	30.50-32.00	30.50-31.00	--	32.00-33.00
Canner and Cutter		31.00-32.00	--	30.50-31.00	--	32.00-32.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	33.00-34.00	--	37.00-38.00	--
	45-55	--	29.50-32.00	--	33.00-34.50	33.00-33.50
	55-65	--	26.50-29.50	--	29.00-31.00	28.00-30.00
Choice	35-45	35.00	33.00-34.00	--	37.00-38.00	--
	45-55	31.00-33.00	29.50-32.00	30.25-32.25	33.00-34.50	33.00-33.50
	55-65	28.00-29.00	26.50-29.50	27.75-28.25	29.00-31.00	28.00-30.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	39.50-40.00	--	39.00-39.50	--	40.50-41.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading was rather slow on greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market with prices about 2¢ higher. All grades were in good demand with the exception of half-blood wools. Noils were firm with a moderate turnover. Sales were limited in scoured pulled wools due to the small supply. Demand was poor for scoured shorn wools.

Trading was fairly active in the territory States and prices advanced approximately 2¢ grease basis and buyers were taking wools as soon as shorn. Interest centered on the sales held at Roswell and Artesia with buyers active. A fair volume of 12 and 8 months wools sold in Texas at stronger prices while there were advances for medium wools in the fleece States.

Midweek cables from Australia showed a poor selection at Sydney with Japan, Iron Curtain countries and Continental interests active as prices advanced 2½ percent for fleeces while pieces were unchanged. At Geelong, quotations moved 2½-5 percent upward. The Dunedin, New Zealand sale showed Japan, Russia and China operating under keen competition and general demand as prices advanced par to 2½ percent on 50s and 2½-5 percent on half-bred wools. In South Africa, short wools moved at strong prices with Italy, England and France the principal operators with Germany supporting. The South American markets were firm.

Fleece Wools - Graded average style 64s good French combing and staple fleece wool sold at \$1.14 while graded 60/62s good French combing and staple brought \$1.10 and 56/58s staple and good French combing moved at \$1.03. Graded 50/54s staple fleeces sold at \$1.00 while 56/58s baby combing also brought \$1.00 clean basis and 50/54s baby combing moved at 95¢. Original bag medium fleece wools sold at .99-\$1.00 clean basis. Country buyers were paying mostly 42-44¢ grease basis but occasionally up to 46¢ in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois for medium wools while buyers were paying 42-45¢ for medium fleeces in Ohio and Indiana.

Territory Wools - Graded territory 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.22 while graded 56/58s staple and good French brought \$1.06 clean basis.

RANGE SALES FOLLOW: In Montana the Chinook pool of approximately 220,000 pounds, bulk half-blood wools sold at 45.68¢ grease basis, the Flathead pool of approximately 50,000 pounds, bulk quarter-blood brought 47.6¢, about 125,000 pounds of the early shorn Jordan pool, bulk fine and half-blood at 43.4¢. Approximately 15,000 pounds of bulk fine and half-blood sold in the White Sulphur Springs area at 44.0¢ and about 10,000 pounds of fine and half around Big Timber moved at 40.0¢ grease basis, f.o.b. At sealed bid sales held in New Mexico bulk 64/70s staple wools sold between 50-60¢ grease basis, f.o.b.

Texas Wools - A modest volume of 12 months wool in original bags, bulk good French combing

and staple sold in Texas at an estimated clean price around \$1.23-1.25 delivered Boston while approximately 300,000 pounds of 8 months wool sold in Del Rio at \$1.15-1.17 scoured basis, delivered East.

Mohair - The mohair market was rather quiet. Adult mohair alone sold at 95¢ to the warehouse, with some sales for shipment to the United Kingdom. Trade in the local market consisted mostly of bulk adult 24s to 26s and a little 32s to 36s kid mohair tops for woolen and worsted consumption.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools continued dull. Foreign markets showed strength in all grades, with good general demand from all sections. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed		New Zealand Oil-combed	
61 - \$1.28	432 - \$1.12	86 - \$1.00	
62 - 1.26	433 - 1.09	93 - .98	
77 - 1.24	434 - 1.05	834 - .97	
78 - 1.23	435 - 1.00	100 - .93	
79 - 1.21		107 - .91	
80 - 1.18		114 - .87	
		128 - .84	

South Africa Oil-combed		Scoured yields	
7 - \$1.17	17 - \$1.12	32 - \$1.07	
8 - 1.15	22 - 1.11	33 - 1.05	
12 - 1.15	23 - 1.10	37 - 1.03	
47 - 1.16	27 - 1.09	38 - 1.01	
48 - 1.15	28 - 1.08		
52 - 1.13			
53 - 1.10			

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 64s - \$1.03, 60/64s - \$1.00, 60s - 97¢, 60/58s - 95½¢, 58/56s - 93¢, 56/50s - 91¢, 50s - 90¢.

Carpet Wools - Turnover of spot carpet wools was slow. All primary markets were active with rising prices. A greasy New Zealand carpet fleece wool sold for shipment at 81¢ early in the week while early shorn wool brought 76½¢, clean fibers present. Greasy Buenos Aires March second clip sold for shipment at 73¢, November wools were quoted at 76-77¢ with fleeces around 80¢, clean fibers present.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - May 4, 1961
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops	- \$1.61
July wool "	- 1.62
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
May wool	- \$1.20
July wool	- 1.233
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

MEAT ANIMALS

Farm Production, Disposition, and Income

1959-60

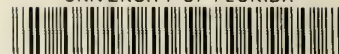
Farm production of meat animals in 1960 totaled 49.4 billion pounds live weight, 4 percent under the 51.3 billion pounds in 1959, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Production in 1959 was the highest of record. Cattle and calf production accounted for 58 percent of the total farm production of meat animals in 1960, with hogs furnishing 39 percent and the remaining 3 percent coming from sheep and lambs. In 1959 cattle and calves represented 55 percent of the total; hogs, 42 percent; and sheep and lambs 3 percent. The value of 1960 production at \$9.0 billion is 7 percent below the 1959 total of \$9.7 billion. Prices for hogs were higher in 1960 than in 1959, but prices were lower for cattle, calves, sheep, and lambs.

Gross income (cash receipts plus value of home consumption) from meat animals amounted to \$10.9 billion in 1960, 3 percent less than the \$11.3 billion in 1959. Gross income from hogs was 2 percent larger than in 1959, but gross income was 6 percent smaller for cattle and calves and 2 percent smaller for sheep and lambs. The aggregate live weight of meat animals marketed in 1960 was 1 percent larger than in 1959, with cattle and calf marketings up 5 percent, sheep and lambs up 5 percent, and hogs down 6 percent.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Production of cattle and calves in 1960 totaled about 28.7 billion pounds, a record high. This was 2 percent higher than the 28.3 billion pounds of production in 1959. Gross income from cattle and calves in 1960 amounted to \$7.5 billion, down 6 percent from the gross income of \$8.0 billion in 1959. Cash receipts from sale of cattle and calves totaled \$7.4 billion in 1960, compared with \$7.8 billion the preceding year. The average price per 100 pounds live weight received by producers in 1960 was \$20.40 for cattle and \$22.90 for calves. In 1959 the average price per 100 pounds was \$22.60 for cattle and \$26.70 for calves.

HOGS: Production of hogs in 1960 is estimated at 19.0 billion pounds, 11 percent less than the 21.3 billion pounds in 1959. Record production occurred in 1943, with 25.4 billion pounds. Other recent years with production exceeding 20.0 billion pounds were 1951 and 1955. Gross income of \$3.0 billion from hogs in 1960 was 2 percent larger than in 1959. Cash receipts at \$2.9 billion were 3 percent larger than in the preceding year. The average price per hundredweight was \$15.30 in 1960, compared with \$14.10 in 1959.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: The production of sheep and lambs in 1960 amounted to nearly 1.7 billion pounds, 3 percent below the level of 1959. The record production was 2.3 billion pounds in 1942. Gross income was \$333 million in 1960 compared with \$338 million in 1959. Cash receipts of \$329 million were 2 percent less than in the preceding year. In 1960 sheep sold for an average of \$5.62 per hundred pounds and lambs for \$17.90. The average price in 1959 was \$6.00 for sheep and \$18.70 for lambs.



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	May 6, 1961	--	17.38	17.82	--	17.45	--	--
	May 7, 1960	22.50*	24.12	24.48	23.25	24.65	22.75	--
Choice	May 6, 1961	15.88*	16.85	17.00	16.85	16.60	--	--
	May 7, 1960	21.38*	23.12	23.50	22.75	20.55*	22.00	22.44
Good	May 6, 1961	15.12*	--	15.75	15.65	--	--	--
	May 7, 1960	19.88*	--	22.50	22.00	19.68*	20.75	21.88
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb. down								
Prime	May 6, 1961	--	--	14.38	--	--	--	16.00
	May 7, 1960	21.22	21.32	--	--	--	19.28	--
Choice	May 6, 1961	14.50	13.95	13.70	11.40	14.10	--	15.88
	May 7, 1960	20.35	20.45	20.75	18.90	20.02	18.40	--
Good	May 6, 1961	13.88	12.88	12.50	10.65	13.10	--	14.25
	May 7, 1960	19.10	19.32	--	18.40	--	17.40	--
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and	May 6, 1961	5.45	5.10	3.98	--	5.50	--	5.38
Choice	May 7, 1960	5.75*	5.45	--	--	6.15	5.75	5.50
Cull and	May 6, 1961	5.00	3.80	3.00	4.60	3.75	--	3.50
Utility	May 7, 1960	4.50*	3.98	--	5.78	4.65	3.75	3.75
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good and	May 6, 1961	--	14.20	--	10.95	13.70	--	--
Choice	May 7, 1960	--	21.00	--	18.25	19.50	--	15.25

*Woolled basis.